

Our Lady Star of the Sea

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your
fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays No Daily Mass
Tuesdays 5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration,
 5:30 pm Daily Mass
Wednesdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass
 (except on Holy Saturday)
Sundays 10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass
Confessions
 Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment
 1st Fridays 8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of
 the Blessed Sacrament
 1st Saturdays 10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Daily Mass
 Sundays 8:30 am Mass
 Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Glasgow, Ron Carr, Doris A. Adams, Doris Thomas, Ron McBee, Cheryl Burke, Hailey Moody, Joseph and Deborah Mroz, Felicia Fink, Lee Blais, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Peggy Schwarting, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, Cathy Mulcahy, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartrand, Marguerite Paddock, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Sherri Lynn Jokic, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avides, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, Lithornia Simmons, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Michelle Logan, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE EMAIL; OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG

Can you afford condemnation?

Consider forgiveness as the currency of eternity. It's absolutely free, so spend as much as you'd like. It's like having your own money printing press in the cellar. Go on: Forgive seventy-times-seven times and it won't cost you a penny!

The great thing about forgiveness is that it's the gift that keeps on giving. Forgive people extravagantly, unilaterally, and relentlessly, and what does that get you? The same kind of abundant pardon on the far side of life. The Lord's Prayer expresses the bargain: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." The more we hit the ATM of forgiveness to spend on the people around us, the more is added to our account. It's a bewilderingly sweet deal.

Given the remarkable benefits of the practice of forgiveness, you'd think Christians would be all over it like ants at a picnic. We should be bumping into each other in our haste to demonstrate compassion for our fellow sinners, as anxious to say *I'm sorry* as to declare *I forgive you*. We should seek to be the first to love. If we made each decision with that intent, seeking and offering forgiveness would be as natural as breathing.

Surprisingly, however, the thought of forgiveness often stifles our breath. We've developed very bad habits conforming us to the world rather than to Christ. We hug wrath and anger tight, though they're hateful and can only make us sick, in body and soul. Unforgiveness is the number-one reported ailment in the offices of counselors both secular and pastoral. It leads to anger, depression, uncontrollable sadness, judgmentalism, and a host of other crippling diseases. We don't know how to let go of injuries and injustices. We insist that reconciliation be a two-way street: Our offenders must change in order for us to grant them amnesty. We heap so many preconditions on forgiveness that it becomes impossible to exercise. That free and abundant currency of eternity? We lock it all up in a Swiss bank account and throw away the key.

And it's not only a matter of refusing to play nice. Withholding forgiveness means staunching the supply available to ourselves. It's ruthless spiritual suicide, yet we do it anyway, to our peril. The spirit of condemnation makes us cold jailors and our debtors miserable prisoners and threatens our eternal peace. Would anyone choose this special brand of hell? Ah, but we do. And only because "we know not what we do." The fastest way out of this hell is to start spending heaven's currency as lavishly as we can. We'll soon find out how giving is the only sure way to getting.

Related scripture links

Guilt through the generations: *Exod. 20:5-6, 34:6-7; Num. 14:18; Deut. 5:9-10; Jer. 32:18*

Loosing and binding: *Matt. 16:19, 18:18; John 20:23*

God does not recall our guilt: *Ps. 25:7; Isa. 43:25; Jer.*

31:34; Heb. 8:12

Habits of thanksgiving, not wrath: *Eph. 4:26, 31-32, 5:4, 19-20; Col. 3:8, 12-17*

Catechism links

Forgiveness of sins: CCC 976, 977

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED

Salvation is one of those churchy words we use all the time with relatively little reflection. To Catholics of a certain generation, or Christians of some denominational persuasions, it simply implies you're not going to wind up in hell for your sins. But that's a very reductive idea. Being saved is so much more than that.

In theologian Jon Nilson's wonderfully rich definition, salvation is the condition of the ultimate restoration and fulfillment of humanity and all creation effected by God's action in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. I mean, wow! This is so much bigger than the singular rescue of your soul or mine from eternal flames, so to speak. *God's desire to save includes everything*. This reminds us of the words of Jesus after the multiplication of loaves: "Gather up the fragments that nothing may be wasted." It's God's plan that no crumb of creation is wasted.

The important question this raises is: Is this your plan and mine? Climate change reveals how human beings are very careless about the stewardship placed in our hands for all of life. Pope John Paul II's admonitions concerning our "culture of death" point toward the many ways we "waste" life: in warfare, poverty, capital punishment, and abortion among others. Pope Francis likewise warns about our "throwaway culture," which pollutes the air, soil, and water in its consumptive production, then tops off landfills as we discard it for more. And of course there are other ways in which we squander life: in the wasteful use of our time. In exploitative careers founded in personal greed rather than meeting social needs. In addictive habits, injustice, racism, hate speech, attitudes of resentment, and so much more.

What seems clear is that, if we are not saved, if we are in fact wasted or lost, it's not because God wills it to be so. God's design and desire are to rescue *all*. The story of salvation history traced in Scripture describes the perpetual efforts of a "saving God" who seeks to rescue and reconcile a people repeatedly and stubbornly choosing to wander into harm's way again. Heaven and hell, properly understood, are images that invite us to participate *now* in the happiness or misery we ultimately want. In Nilson's words, "Taken seriously but not literally, [heaven and hell] are reminders of the ultimacy involved in one's everyday decisions." There should be no mystery in how we spend eternity. Just contemplate how you spend today.

Alice L. Camille

Scripture: Mark 3:4-5; 10:50-52; Matthew 1:21; 8:25-27; 14:30-32; Luke 1:46-55, 68-79; 2:10-11, 29-32; 7:50; 17:19; 19:9; Acts 4:10-12; Romans 3:21-26; 5:9-10; 8:19-24; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 15:1-2; 2 Corinthians 2:15-17; Galatians 2:15-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

WELCOME VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, (\$10 or more) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

09/16/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil

For the repose of the soul of Maria Garcia

09/17/23 - XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

Blessing upon Angela Sparkman

11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

Grace of healing upon Justin Spenser

09/18/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**

09/19/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass

Special Intention

09/20/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM

Blessing upon Jenny Ford

09/20/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA

09/21/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass

Blessing upon Cynthia Vidal

09/22/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass

For the repose of the souls of

Matthew Ford & Timothy Ford

09/23/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of

Ianthe Brathwaite

09/24/23 - XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the people of the parish

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

For the reoise of the soul of Barney Panfil

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Other than priests and deacons, no one else is closer to the sacrifice of Christ on the altar than those ministering as altar servers. Serving at Mass is a unique ministry that requires dedication, discipline, and devotion. Not only does a server assist the priest and deacon in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, but they also encounter Christ's sacrifice in a particular and personal way. Devoted altar servers play an important role for the entire Catholic community and, through their service, can help draw others to our Lord. Altar servers, in a very real and visible way, are an extension of the clergy at Mass. In general, our servers should be just that, servants. They model Christ's words, "I came not to be served, but to serve." The altar server program is going to be revamped and there will be changes coming with new training in November. Questions? Please contact the Altar Server ministry leader at dominici.jason@gmail.com, or visit with him after Confirmation Class on Sundays in the RE Building.



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
AT 6:00 PM AT ST. FRANCIS IN
FOLKSTON. FALL FOOD
FAVORITES. GATHER WITH YOUR
FELLOW CURSILLISTA'S

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SERVICES

Good Samaritan Food Pantry: Our Lady Star of the Sea parish with the wonderful support of the parishioners provide food for families and individuals in need in our community. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9am - 12pm

Altar Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact church office at 912-882-4718

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Ray Meaux at 912-882-2343

Bereavement Ministry: A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Victoria Brooks 912-322-6857

Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 10, 2023 ~ May 12th, 2024, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net /912-552-1155

The **Knights of Columbus (K of C)** is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, It has grown to support refuge relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. For more info Contact Norberto Caez- KofC@weareolss.org

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please church office at 912-882-4718

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through sacramental receptions, welcoming newcomers, children's movie nights, Senior Home Outreach, and much more. We host many fundraising events throughout the year to fully support our ministry and special projects. If you would like to spread your wings and join us, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall or call Victoria Brooks for more information - 912-322-6857

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

October 20-22, 2023 | Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:

912-306-0406 | rachelsvineyard.org
stephaniemay135@gmail.com

Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.



“The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus will prepare a Fellowship Meal on September 23, 2023, after 5:00 PM mass at the Social Hall. The meal will consist of Spaghetti Dinner, dessert, and games.”

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023	SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 9,597.50	COLLECTION - \$ 7,211.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,129.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,742.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023	SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 870.00	COLLECTION - \$ 935.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 930.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 553.00

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